



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 2, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Embassy Suites - Noblesville
13700 Conference Center Dr. South
Noblesville, IN 46060

Members Present: G. Lee Turpin – *Private Ambulance/ Chairman*
Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*
Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*
Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*
Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*
John Zartman – *Paramedics*
Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*
Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*
Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*
Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*
Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*
Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Members Present Online:

Ex-Officio Members: Kraig Kinney (*Indiana State EMS Director*) – (non-voting)
Dr. Eric Yazel (*Indiana State EMS Medical Director*) – (non-voting)

Members Not Present: Jonathon Whitham – *Interim Executive Director of IDHS*

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Robin Stump, Corey Wells, Emily Castor, and other members of the EMS community.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00pm by Chairman Lee Turpen. Emily Castor called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from the July 12, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2024, regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes Patrick Hutchison: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Matthew McCullough: Yes
Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes**

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from the August 6, 2024, Special session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nossett to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2024, special session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- EMS Director's Award:**
- Emeritus:** Michael R. Benson, Mark Mattes.
- EMS Star of Life:**
- Certificate of Remembrance:** Winifred "Dannie" Fisher, John E. Fields.
- Certification of Appreciation:** Tracy Jones, Rocky Allen Buffum.
- Stork Award:** Dave Ashmore, Codey Harrison, Todd Cawthorn, Ethan Morris, Hunter Scholl, Brian Zehring, Tyler Colt, David Holladay, Claudia Nichols, Mark Fritz, Lindsey Dick, Emily Owen, Teddy Leslie, Jennifer Heric, Stephanie Schulze, David Parker, Clayton Scholl, Ethan Harris.
- Cardiac Saves:** Cara Robbins, Brandi Query, Trent Mahaney, Robert Reffett, Brian Dille, Anthony Cranfill, Nathan Krahn, Clayton Dewees, Wyatt Phillips, Mark Snodgrass, Quentin Humbarger, Sean Selby, Kirby Boyd, Dustin Oliphant, Bruce Nanney, Jake Phillips, Paige Bush, Crystal Tyler, Kennedy Cross, Gloria Bannister, Mike Cole, Travis Jones, Jason Sanders, Matt Wright, Rusty Sherman, Kyle Oldham, Steve Anderson, Keith Kuester, Brandon Wilson, Carrie Weber, Jerry Bulger, Frank Peterlin, John Claspell, Tristen Botle, James DiMarco, Kevin Prichett, Eric Donnan, Adam Farrar, John Snyder, Nicole Erb, Samuel Terhune, Austin Dickey, Sierra Sighting, Michael Adam Davies, Matthew King, Kahla Roudebush, Joel Scher, Brandon Brinson, Jimmy F Randolph III.
- Retirement:** Dave Gerth, Brenda O'Brien, Mark Mattes, Kenneth Chandler.
- Honorary Lifetime Certification:** Sarah L. Martinez, Michelle Meyer.

1) INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Director Kinney stated that that Indiana State Trauma Care Commission met on August 2, 2024, and have formed the following subcommittees:

Trauma System Planning, Education and Outreach (Deaconess, Jay Woodland), Registry (Parkview, Lisa Hollister), Performance Improvement (IDHS, Dr. Eric Yazel), and Disaster Preparedness and Military Integration. The next meetings will be held on August 2, 2024, and November 22, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST at IDOH, 2 North Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Adams Auditorium).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported that the HEA 1302 County EMS Survey is now complete, with a total of 89 counties completing the survey. Director Kinney then briefly explained the data collection process. He reported some key findings from the survey which outlines revenue source averages, staffing disparities, recruitment and retainment, and mutual aid agreements/ coverage areas. IDHS has finalized the report from this information obtained and it is published for view on the IDHS website, (<https://www.in.gov/dhs/files/public-law-67-2024-survey-results-report.pdf>).

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Margo Knefelkamp reviewed the results of the most recent EMS for Children Prehospital Preparedness survey, stating that 82.3% of service providers participated, leaving only 119 non-respondents. Mrs. Knefelkamp reported that EDC is currently processing the data received and there will be a national report available later this year. She urged departments to discuss the gap report received from the survey with their Medical Directors to look into the recommendations so when the portal reopens, departments are able to increase their score moving forward. Mrs. Knefelkamp stated that they will be hosting the Midwest EMSC Prehospital Pediatric Symposium on October 29, 2024. This event is free and will be held virtually. For more information and registration visit the EMS for Children website.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Jarrod Sights welcomed everyone to IERC and reiterated that the conference will have a lot of great education opportunities as well as networking and vendors.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Jeremey McKinney* reminded all that the Crossroads Conference, hosted by IEMSA and the ENA, is coming up soon, with pre-conferences starting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, and will also be hosting the EMS Commission meeting that day. Mr. McKinney reports that the actual conference starts on November 21st and runs through November 22nd and there will be approximately 600 attendees and stated that there will be many courses available to attend and all are applicable for continuing education credits. Mr. McKinney reported that a new law was passed requiring insurance providers to pay out of network providers, 400% of Medicare. There has been some confusion in part to this and IEMSA is gathering information regarding this to present to legislation and insurance companies and clarify what the law states as well as how services will be covered. Mr. McKinney reminded all of a few important dates coming up, Running with Shears 5k will be held on May 17, 2025, this is a 5k run/walk to raise awareness of the Indianapolis EMS

Memorial Fund, and that evening IEMSA will be hosting the Golden Siren banquet. Mr. McKinney stated that the nomination period will be opening soon.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman updated the Commission on the AEMT Psychomotor Exam that occurred on August 1, 2024. Commissioner Zartman also reported that the AEMT skills exam went well, apart from running longer than expected due to some unforeseen logistical issues. There were 15 total students that participated. He explained that although this was ultimately a successful pilot, this may not be the direction Indiana would like to continue in given the new data that has been released as of late as there could be a very solid exam by just modifying the EMT basic.

Director Kinney states nationally there has been a trend of steering away from skills exams as these are considered more part of the initial training instead of the licensure. Indiana averages 60 new AEMT students annually. He notes that the National Registry does have a component that does a practical analysis but not the same as the Paramedic, but it does give a measurement of skills application that would be beneficial as they would like to move away from the practical exam at the AEMT level. Director Kinney reports that the state office will continue to work with the committee on the EMT level. Director Kinney asked the commission to clarify the Advanced EMT examination process and reviewed the non-rule policy which would address the commission's requirements regarding the written and practical exams at the AEMT level.

Director Kinney proposes that additional for individuals completing an Indiana course would take the written exam which would remain the National Registry exam and for the practical processing it would be competition of the National Registry, cognitive or written with its practical component, but also successful completion of an Indiana AEMT course with appropriate written verification of skills proficiency completed by training institution in accordance to the process IDHS established.

Director Kinney states that with reciprocity has a different language compared to initial certifications within this non-rule policy. It was discussed during a group review and the determination was to continue with parts A and B of the non-rule policy and strike part C at this time.

Commissioner Zartman motioned to approve the Non-Rule Policy; EMS AEMT Initial Practical Examinations and Assessments, parts A and B and to strike section C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.

Director Kinney reviewed the topic of adopting the Department of Transportation training on responder safety and it was ultimately decided to send it back to the Education Oversight Committee who reviewed the course and State EMS Education Coordinator, Kari Lanham,

took the course herself. The course is four hours in length and is available online and does require the participant to pay close attention as a test is required to pass at the end. The proposal for 24-02 is that Indiana utilize the National Traffic Incident Management Responder training, also known as TIMs training. Director Kinney stated that the non-rule policy would to all certification levels. He indicates that Section A of the Non-rule policy covers the initial education, sub-section II is authorized to develop authorized compliance reporting from training institutions for verification that everyone is taking the course. Sub-section III states that applications can be denied for individuals who do not complete the course. There is also a section of Section C that covers Reciprocity Candidates, the language is slightly different but there is no enforcement at this time, so it's recommended to strike this section. Section D would involve prior completion of prior TIMs training. The requirement would be that the individual would have had to complete the course prior to January 1st, 2020, as that was the last major update to the course. This was clarified as some providers may have taken the course in the past but anything prior to 1/1/2020 would be required to take the updated course.

Commissioner Zartman motioned to approve the Non-Rule Policy; EMS Traffic Incident Management Responder Training, parts A, B and D and to strike section C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCullough. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee did not have a meeting in August due to know pending applications nor official business at that time. The next meeting will be at MADE in Plainfield on October 11, 2024, at 10:00am.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney reviewed the EMS Commission meeting dates for 2025. At MADE in Plainfield (all Fridays): January 17, March 14, May 16, and July 8. The meeting associated with IERC will be on Wednesday, September 17, and the meeting associated with the IEMSA/ENA Crossroads Conference will be on Wednesday, November 19.

Commissioner Zartman motioned to approve the 2025 EMS Commission dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
 1. Waiver Orders

- a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-5-2: Allow 1 year to complete the primary instructor internship and pass PI exam
 - a. Bruner, Stephen
 - b. Kelp, Lacy
 - c. Sering, Savannah
 - b) Provider Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-2-1(b): TI is not postsecondary institution or an EMS provider organization
 - a. FRAC Training Academy
- 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - II. Probation—1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - IV. Suspension—Emergency Order
 - V. Revocation
 - VI. Censure
 - VII. Initial EMT Denial
 - b) Provider
- 3. Administrative Rulemaking.
 - a) Criminal Background Checks / AEMT adoption
 - I. Published September 25, 2024.
- 4. Appeals Docket
 - a) In re: Chris Mitchell: Final Order issued pursuant to July Commission action.
 - b) In re: Matthew Copeland: Appeal pending
 - c) In re Troy Dulaney: Pending
 - I. Director Kinney states that there is now a non-final order from the ALJ, in this order the ALJ overturned the revocation of the Fire Certifications, but on the EMS side of the case the Lewd and Immoral conduct was upheld. The General Counsel’s recommendation on that was to not make a final decision but could have an informal discussion about future actions, if any.

Commissioner Zartman motioned to review this ruling as a subcommittee with Chairperson Turpen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that Mr. Foster is currently working to match all agencies in ImageTrend as some are new or inactive. Ms. Stump stated that reporting for August was 100% and September was 98%.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that Providers are utilizing the new Acadis renewal process. All of the October renewals are updated at this time and the staff is currently working towards completing those providers that expire January 1, 2025. She will also be assisting with Districts 3 and 6. Ms. Stump reported that the staff is also separating the Training Institutions from their original agencies and making them their own, still in association with the original agency, this will provide clarity and ease of understanding personnel in charge of those programs. Ms. Stump urged EMS providers that aren't part of their healthcare coalition to get in touch as there is a lot of good things happening within those meetings and stressed the importance of attending those meetings.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney

Director Kinney announced the retirement of Don Watson, District Manager for Districts 3 and 6. Mr. Watson has been involved in EMS for over 44 years and a decade of service with IDHS. Director Kinney awarded Don with the District Manager Emeritus award for his years of service within the state of Indiana as well as his years of commitment and dedication to IDHS.

Director Kinney announced the new EMS Certifications Systems Section Chief, Corey Wells, who will oversee certifications, MIH and other EMS system liaison and EMS Certifications Specialist, Jennifer Schurman, who will be reviewing and processing of EMS certifications. To reach the office you can call 317-664-7627.

Director Kinney reports that we are still utilizing the EMS Support Tickets, and that process has not changed, it can still be accessed on the EMS webpage.

Director Kinney reviewed the 3rd quarter certifications numbers, as of September 23rd. The biggest note being that of the Total Indiana EMS Certifications as of September 23, 2024, Indiana has 25, 504 clinicians which is up 921 from the 2nd quarter. There 160 audits with only 31 not responding and one certification dishonesty. Director Kinney reported that of the 67 individuals that notified IDHS of an arrest or conviction in 2024, 55 of them have been resolved by either clearing or sanction with six requested to provide more information, six have pending criminal cases and none scheduled for team review.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham reviewed the most recent pass rates of the EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic certifications/ licensure. Mrs. Lanham also announced the hiring of multiple new State Reps for testing. She also discussed the new NREMT cognitive exam for AEMT's and Paramedics that officially went live on July 1, 2024. Mrs. Lanham reminded all of the PI Quarterly Updates on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9 AM EST and Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5 PM EST.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney reported that the EMS Division does now have three Section Chiefs. He also reported that all EMS District Forums have concluded for 2024 and thanked all for the participation and great discussions throughout those meetings. Director Kinney stated that he is preparing the draft to submit to IDHS PIO for review and is hopeful to have that complete by the November 20 Commission meeting. He then reviewed Health First EMS Readiness funding as well as the Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System contract. There will be multiple Handtevy instructor courses coming up, October 8 in Valparaiso, IN and November 20 in French Lick, IN as part of the Crossroads Conference (offered as a Pre-Conference). Director Kinney reviewed the Training Institution Equipment grants and stated that we are awaiting the feedback from the current School of EMS classes that are ongoing now. Director Kinney stated that the contract with Bowen Center has been renewed and will be working towards a workforce dashboard and additional reporting due by June 30, 2025. Director Kinney announced that IDHS EMS Division was able to host the NASEMSO Great Lakes Regional Meeting for 2024, which was attended by EMS State Officials from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Minnesota.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel stated that the RAPID pilot went live on September 1st, and since then they have transported 28 patients in the first 30 days. Dr. Yazel also touched on the topic of Whole Blood and is advocating for sustainability and expanding the types of blood being used. He reviewed his work with Mental Health for first responders as well as the CARES certification moving forward as the state is in the process of hiring a CARES Coordinator. Dr. Yazel reminded all of his Monthly State In-Service on the first Wednesday of every month, these do offer continuing education credit, for more details you can reach out to Dr. Yazel.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman Turpen thanked IERC for hosting the Commission meeting. He reiterated the importance of Whole Blood and encouraged all to do a deep dive on the data to see the impact it's making on traumas. Chairman Turpen reviewed some upcoming events such as the NAEMSP taking place in San Diego, CA, January 6-11, 2025. For further information you can visit their website, www.naemsp.org.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, beginning at 1:00 PM at French Lick Resort, 8670 IN 56, French Lick, IN, 47432. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Crossroads Conference hosted by IEMSA and ENA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.